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EPISTOLARY RELICS,

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I.

Original Letter from MR. WILLIAM DUGDALE (afterwards Knight and Garter King of Arms) to JOHN CREW of Utkinton Esq.⁽¹⁾ respecting King's preparation of his "Vale Royall," Vernon's Cheshire Collections, and his own. (Additional MSS. British Museum, 6396, p. 18.)

London. 28. Feb^r 1653.

Noble Sir,

I did, this day, by your appointment receive from one Mr. Hercules Comander the sum of 5 li; id est 3 li for to cutt y^e Monument at Wicksford, and the rest as a gratuitye from you for the searches I made in the Tower; for which I returne you many thanks: being sorry that I had not better successe in the paynes I then tooke; but thinges are much out of order there, and when they are soe, tis a wonder if a man doe find what he lookes for.

(¹) John Crewe of Utkinton, Esq., in Cheshire, (second son of Sir Randolph Crewe,) M.P. for Northamptonshire, and in right of his wife, Mary Done, Master Forester of Delamere. See *Hist. Chesh.* vol. i. p. 134, and Raines's *Assheton's Journal*, p. 60.

I should be very glad to understand from you how my good friends Mr. Vernon and Mr. Leieester⁽¹⁾ doe relish the publishing of what was written by Mr. Web touching Cheshire, and soe likewise that which Mr. Smyth, sometime Rouge Dragon, pend, a cōpye of both being now with Mr. Daniell Kinge, who is content to be at the chardge of cutting the Map of your County, the ground plat and prospect of the Citty, with the like of the Cathedral, and of the Castles of Haulton and Beeston, which will not be done for 30 li, I thinke.⁽²⁾

I know full well what Mr. Vernon is about, if he doe accomplish it, will much surpasse all that Mr. Web and Mr Smith could doe⁽³⁾ in regard he hathe had better materials to worke with : but if his be not likely to come to publike view within a short time, as possibly may not be by reason of his age and infirmities, I conceive it may not be amisse to let those passe for the present ; which if his doe hereafter looke into the world, will be like a foile to a diamond, and sett off his paynes and abilityes soe much the more, and the same plates may be made use of in his.

Mr. Kinge is very earnest with me to represent the businesse thus to you, which makes me thus bold, having a Stationer (your countryman likewise) who is trucking with him to print them. I pray you therefore let me hear from you what your judgement is

(1) Mr. Leycester of Tabley, subsequently author of the *Cheshire Antiquities*, and William Vernon of Shakerley and of Bradwall, then collecting for a regular Cheshire history. The two treatises, here brought so cautiously into notice, appeared in 1656, forming, with Lee's *Chronicon Cestrense* and Chaloner's *Isle of Man*, the "Vale Royall of England."

(2) All the plates not on letterpress were presents.

(3) Respecting Vernon and his collections, see *Hist. Chesh.* vol. i. p. ix. In Hamper's *Dugdale's Correspondence* are many letters from him to Vernon (of which copies were communicated by the annotator from Harl. MS. 1967) and in p. 268 is the only letter from Vernon to Dugdale which had occurred to Mr. Hamper. In Harl. MS. 1967, however, and other MSS. of that collection, are various extracts and abstracts from Cheshire Records, sometimes arranged as epistolary drafts, and seemingly drawn up for communication to Dugdale, by whom the aid of this sound and indefatigable antiquary was fully appreciated.

thereoff, and how they resent it, for you may easily by letter lett them know what is desired.

I have not yett begun to print my owne ;⁽¹⁾ being still very busy with my gravers ; for I must have a competent number of plates ready, before I goe to the presse, otherwise one part of the worke will stay for the other.

If you be here in Easter Terme you shall see my plates in a good forwardnesse I hope. In the meane time, in ease I may further serve you, I pray command whatever is in the power of

Your most obliged friend and servant

WILLM. DUGDALE.

For my much honoured friend

John Crew Esq.

at Utkinton.

II.

Original Letter from DR. KUERDEN, seeming to be addressed to RANDLE HOLME of Chester, and relating to his intended History of Lancashire.⁽²⁾

Dear Broth'

Having twice this winter writt to you and not as yet receavd an answer makes me much doubt the miscarriage of my letters, being sent by soldiers.

I must sadly with you condole my interest in the want of your

⁽¹⁾ Most probably the first vol. of the *Monasticon*, which preceded the *Warwickshire*, and of which not "one tenth part" was printed in 1654, on the death of Dugdale's coadjutor, Dodsworth, in Lancashire.—*Diary*, p. 27. Hamper's edition.

⁽²⁾ Harl. MSS. 2117, p. 227. Another letter on the same subject, addressed to Randle Holme, beginning "Bro' Hulme," and dated Jan. 10, 1664, is preserved in Harl. MS. 2042, p. 214, and printed in Baines's *Lancashire*, vol. i. p. 200. In vol. iii.

dear father and my so much engaged frend and patron, who, no doubt, now rests in glory, though we be still on earth involved with troubles. My letters, as I may well conceave, not coming to your hand is no small grief unto me, for feare lest you should thinke my love remiss, and our united sympathetic frendship should any wayes abate. No, your further loss, by me though much lamented, shall, like the Phenix' ashes, grow into another as much unparalld; and though these waves of our late troubles hath tiranisd and kept us under hatches, yet, be assured, I am neither unmindful of you, nor of our busines, but have made some progress, lento pede, in discovering the Heroes of our now reviving County Palatine.

We muster our Antiquities or paper forces (I mean Mr. T. ⁽¹⁾ and myself) very neare an Hundred Thousand strong, in transcript, and each day new occasion is offered freely unto us by our Gentry who seem very forward in their assistance with old deeds.

Jo: Com: Moriton ⁽²⁾ is a patron in almost every family, though many start from our eight Baronies; scilicet, Manchester, Newton, Warrington, Widnes, Penwortham, Cliderhow, Hornbie, Furness, or from the Earles own demeane at Lancastre.

This most will cleare up immediately after a journey in Domesday Booke, each Barony having an antient Hundret or Wappentake within itself. ⁽³⁾

p. 463 of that work, it is described by Mr. Whatton, somewhat rashly, as "the *only one* of the Doctor's extant."

The letter has no date or direction, but was clearly written after the Restoration; and Randle Holme's father, who died Sep. 1659, seems to be the person whose decease is alluded to. The rest of the paper is occupied by an abstract of that part of the Domesday Survey of Erewicscire which relates to Lancashire.

⁽¹⁾ Christopher Townley, the transcriber. See Whitaker's *Whalley*, third edition, p. 488.

⁽²⁾ Alluding to the grants made by John, before his accession, when Earl of Moreton.

⁽³⁾ Kuerden must have intended by this a subordinate district of feudatories almost equal in importance to a hundred or wapentake. He knew perfectly well what the Saxon *Hundreds* and the later Hundreds of Lancashire were, and that the paramount lordships which he names were *not* commensurate with them.

I find some gleanings of our Ultra Ripam, not annexed in Domesday B. sub finem Cestrescire, to be contand in the Survey of Ewrickshire, sub titulo Agmonderness, where comes "Tosti ten. vi. Car: ter: in Preston," the same proportion as the Red Book of Fecs holds forth sub villa de Preston, ubi Galf: Arbalistar: ten: vi. Car: t: de Regis Jo. (In Lib. Burg. p. 15.) so that I conceive all our Aemonders Hundred might be had from the full survey of Yorshire, and Lansdale Hundred may very well be annexed to Durham or to Cumberland, but thes, to me, are wanting.⁽¹⁾

Mr. T. and I do expect shortly so to prevale with my L. Fairfax as to get some of Dodsworths books into our hands. Beside we know already the number of them, ther titles, and ther subjects. Tho. Tilleson once Servant to Mr. T. and now hath deserted Daniel, and is now retayned with the Duke of Buckingham. [*sic.*]

Sir, I have too many things to inform you of, and so short a time, the messengers do speed journey, compels my silence.

I am to entreate you in behalfe of a friend and kinsman, Mr. Will: Wall of Chinglchall, the antient Wall of Preston, for a table of Arms for his paternal, quartered with Singleton and such other maches as you may discover from the pedigrees of Wall and Singleton de Hall.⁽²⁾

I have some others to desire also, but another time I shall informe you further or see you, so that they be ready against Mid-

(¹) The passage is curious as showing Kuerden's gradual approach to knowledge of Domesday and Norman Lancashire. He is aware of four Hundreds being described in the account of "Land between Ribble and Mersey," at the end of Cestrescire, has discovered Amounderness in the Eureviescire, (301 b.) but is not aware that this includes part of Lonsdale, and that the rest of Lonsdale appeared in Eureviescire (p. 332) as part of the land of Roger Pictavensis. From his qualified expression, "to me," he also seems not *quite* certain whether Durham and Cumberland were absolutely wanting.

(²) The marriage of William Wall with Anne, daughter of John Singleton, is the last match recorded in the entry of Wall of Preston, in the Visitation of 1567. The annotator is informed that the place referred to by Dr. Kuerden, and situated

sommer in time enough in respect of convenient cariage. So desiringe my service to be presented to your good wife, mother, sisters, al our good frends, I rest till further opportunity, Your loving broth'

RIC. KEURDEN. ⁽¹⁾

III.

Original Letter from DANIEL KING (publisher of the Vale Royall) to the REV. HENRY FAIRFAX, Rector of Bolton Percy near Tadcaster, respecting his intended Collections for Yorkshire.⁽²⁾

Dear Sir,

I retorne you many thanks for your noble guifs and kindnesse to me, and now by Gods assistance I am resolved to goe on heartilye for noble Yorkshire, and was resolved to send you

in Whittingham, within Goosnargh Chapelry, is still locally called "*Shingle Hall*," as in the text. The Singletons of this place are deduced in several Lancashire collections from the greater family of Singleton of Broughton Tower.

(¹) Dr. Keurden or Kuerden signs another letter, preserved in *Harl. MS.* 2042, as above, and Antony Wood in noticing his successive degrees, writes him as "Jackson alias Keurden," and his family and place as Keurden. Dugdale uses both modes in the same document, the Broughton Calendar to the Visitation of 1664.

(²) The original is among the Cheshire Collections at Sedbury. King had completed the publishing of the *Vale Royall* in 1656, and, without repeating Dugdale's contumelious estimate of his ability and honesty, certainly appears here in a position for which he was eminently unfit. His date fixes him as resident with Lord Fairfax at York House, most probably using the collections of Dodsworth, the late protégé of Fairfax, certainly arranging his lordship's genealogy, and announcing to his uncle his intention of transmitting him to posterity. King seems to be the person mentioned as "Daniel" in an obscure passage of Kuerden's letter preceeding, in connexion with Fairfax, his son-in-law the Duke of Buckingham and the Dodsworth MSS.

what I have of Barkston Ash and Ainsty Wappentakes, and shall desire at your best leisure to presente them, and to add what you have, and to disgeste it, and I shall faithfully give aecomt to posteritye of your worthinesse therein.

I shall not faile by the first opertunity to send them to Mr. Jenkinson. I have some thinges to present to you that are not yet perfect, but hope ere long to send them. I am now close at it to perfect my Lords pedigree. And am by Gods assistance resolved to make it my masterpicce.

So with my prayers for your good health and prosperity I shall ever be

Sir

Your obliged Servant

York House

DANIEL KING.

January 17th 1658.

These for the Wor^{full} Henry Fairfax
Rector of Bolton Percie.

These p^t.

IV.

Original Letter from WILLIAM DUGDALE Esq., Norroy King of Arms, to JOHN CREW Esq. of Utkinton, respecting his visit to Utkinton, his proposed continuation of the Visitation of Cheshire, donations of plates to the Origines Juridiciales, &c.—(Additional MSS. Brit. Mus. 6396 p. 20.)

Honoured Sir

Yesterday Mr. Commander brought to me your kinde letter, with those directions for apparell set forth by Q. Eliz: and the other paper concerning *fees upon funerall certificates*, whereof

we have here *divers printed copyes*; but that limitation for apparell *I will transcribe*, giving you many thanks for it; and do purpose to deliver it to your owne hands againe, when I come into Cheshire, where (God willing) I resolve to be, to compleat my begun Visitation, towards the end of the next month.

It is very like the 23^d of March will be the day *we shall come to you* from Chester; for on the 24th I shall sit at Middlewich for the Hundreds of Northwiche and Edesbury: and at Knutsford the 26th for the Hundreds of Bucklow and Maxfield.

I shall speedily send away my Warrants to summon those *who appeared not* when I was there, resolving to be at *Chester on Saturday* the 19th of March.⁽¹⁾ If you have oportunity of discourse with any who *came not to me*,⁽²⁾ I shall desire that you will represent to them how fitt it is *for them to enter their descents*, and *to submitt to such regularity in the bearing of their armes*, as may be for the *honour* of their families, and restraint of inferior persons from usurping what they ought not to have.

I have, hercinclosed, sent you a proof of the plate for your worthy fathers picture, and do hope it will please you well, for it is very like; ⁽³⁾ and shall be willing to *admit of that for Justice Clench*, or any other, provided that the persons who stand related to them *do desire it*, but to seeke after them will looke like a begginge businesse, and therefore if any Gentleman from the *sight of this for your father*, taking knowledge thereof from yourselfe, or any other, shall in time apply himself to Mr. Hollar or to me, to procure it, I will do the like for them.

(1) This intention was prevented by an attack of fever Feb. 19, 1663-4, which confined Dugdale until March 31, and the renewal of his Cheshire Visitation was deferred until July 22, when he visited Sir Thomas Delves of Doddington, and left the county for Trentham on July 28. — *Diary*, p. 116.

(2) That is to say, in the previous part of the Visitation, from Aug. 21 to Sep. 29, 1663. In this journey he had been the guest of his correspondent at Utinton on the 12th and 13th of September. — *Diary*, p. 114.

(3) This refers to Hollar's engraving of the portrait of Sir Randolph Crew, from

The Glossary and Councells will be oute in Easter Terme, but this of myne not before Michaelmas Terme. When I come down to you I purpose to bring *so many of* the sheets of my own booke as are *printed, to shew* you, whereby you will see in what *excellent paper* it is, and *how good* a letter.

I resolve to send you by the Carryer *halfe a dozen* of these prints of your father's picture, and *some of the Arch Bishop of Canterbury*, and Dr. Walton your late Bishop,⁽¹⁾ and so I rest,

Your very much obliged Servant

WILLM. DUGDALE.

London. 4^o Febr 1663.

For my much honoured freind, John Crew Esq.
at Utkinton in Cheshire.

V.

Original Letter from SIR PETER LEYCESTER of Tabley, Bart., to MR. RANDLE HOLMES⁽²⁾ of Chester, respecting a request for a copy of Leycester's Antiquities. (Harl. MSS. 2146, p. 108.)⁽³⁾

Sir,

In a former letter not long ago you were pleased to desire me to help you to one of my bookes at an easy rate. Truly, Sir,

the original at Crewe Hall, for Dugdale's *Origines Juridiciales*, which appeared in 1666.

⁽¹⁾ Most probably the print of Gilbert Sheldon by Loggan, and that of Brian Walton by Lambert, the frontispiece to his *Polyglot*. Mr. Crew was a decided patron of the Arts, and Dugdale seems to have been aware of it.

⁽²⁾ The third Randle Holme, author of the *Academie of Armoury*.

⁽³⁾ The letter forms part of a correspondence respecting the Mobberley pedigree.

I have not the disposall of any of them; they are wholly at Mr. Clavell's disposinge, who undertooke the printinge of the Booke, only I had six bookes given to mee, which were promised by mee halfe a year agoe, and alreadye given awaye by me accordinge to my promise. Had I more of my owne I would have given you one.⁽¹⁾

It seems to me to be of two deare a rate, for they are 16^s 0^d a booke, as I understand; but if there be not of them now in

(1) A copy, which had been in possession of Sir P. Leycester, was in the hands of the late Mr. Hanshall of Chester, and had on the back of the title a copy of Sir. P. Leycester's *Latin dedication*, with a note of Mr. Clavell's *substitution of an English one*. If the present annotator had known it when the *History of Cheshire* was published, he would have added it, and therefore adds it here.

The *intended dedication* was as follows :

"Augustissimo ac potentissimo Princepi, Carolo Secundo, Dei Gratia, Magnæ Britannie, Franciæ et Hiberniæ Regi, Fidei Defensori, &c.

"Author ipse, non nisi pace vestra Regali prius impetrata, se suumque librum ad pedes Majestatis vestræ omni eum humilitate provolvit; quippe qui sub vestris dum prodeat alis, tutior vagetur per terras; opus sane tantæ Majestati impar, utpote ejus summi Imperii amplitudo sublimiorem mandet calamus.

"Hæc omnia, de quibus versatur, tua sunt; proin tute tibi ipsi stas patronus, quia tibi, præter teipsum, par nullus est. Cui, omni qua potest reverentia,

Devotissimus vester Ligeus, hoc laboris sui specimen,

PETRUS LEYCESTER D.D."

To this transcript Sir Peter Leycester had appended this note:

"This is the Author's Dedication to the Kinge, but Mr. Clavell (who had the printing of this Booke committed to him) *caused the Dedication* (as you see in the page immediately before) *to be put in English, thinking thereby the Booke would sell the better*: but *that Dedication is none of myne*: and then I caused him to print this latin Dedication of my owne, which he did and sent me some of them downe: promisinge me, withall, to insert this and not the other into all the rest of my bookes not then sold off, but I see hee failes my expectation. P. L."

A substitution of a still meaner kind took place with respect to the *earlier Work*, the *Vale Royall*, and has been noted in *Hist. Chesh.* vol. i. p. 92. It consisted in King's removal of a dedication to Sir Orlando Bridgman, who had given one plate, and substituting another to Peter Venables of Kinderton, who had contributed eleven armorial ones in outline.

Chester to be sold, my man Tom Jackson can procure you one from the Township of Knutsford, where some are now to be sold.

* * * * *

I pray you give my kind respects to your wife, who am, Sir,
Your reall freind to serve you.

P. LEYCESTER.

Mobberley. febr^r 24. 1672.

This for Mr. Holmes of Chester.

The End.



